

The Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (WCPCAN) is pleased to announce that funding will be available beginning July 1, 2005 for community-based child abuse prevention and family support programs throughout Washington.

Funding Focus

WCPCAN seeks to initiate, expand or replicate innovative program models. We recognize four approaches to family support and child abuse prevention which, based on research, appear to be most effective and will be considered for funding:

- Crisis Nurseries / Respite Services
- Home Visiting Services
- Ongoing Parent Support Groups
- Parenting Classes

WCPCAN encourages applications from programs serving families of children aged birth to three and focused on communities of color, fathers and male involvement and families of children with special needs. Funding is specific to prevention programs. No more than 20% of program participants may be involved with Child Protective Services (CPS).

Capacity Building

To build capacity of community-based family support programs, WCPCAN provides the following:

- Technical assistance
- Outcome and evaluation consultation
- Peer-to-peer networking
- Program development assistance
- Resources and training, marketing, public relations and outreach opportunities
- Conference and event co-sponsorship

WCPCAN believes that the capacity of community-based services is enhanced through community involvement. Community volunteers and parent leaders must play important roles in your project.

WCPCAN and our partners agree

No person shall be subjected to discrimination in this agency or its contractors because of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, marital status, disabled veteran status, Vietnam-era veteran status or disability. This applies to every aspect of our programs, practices and activities, as well as to our vendors, grantees, subgrantees, licensees, contractors and subcontractors.

*WCPCAN takes pride in our smoke and drug-free environment and one free of discrimination.

Family Support Goals

WCPCAN supports organizations that share our commitment to utilize outcome measurement and evaluation to improve the well-being of children and families. Through services, programs must support parents and caregivers to achieve at least one of the following outcomes:

- Positive nurturing and attachment behaviors
- Effective communication skills
- Effective problem-solving skills
- A responsive social support network
- Stress management
- Knowledge of child development
- Family life management / self sufficiency skills
- Non-punitive discipline and guidance skills

Funds Available

WCPCAN's intent is to fund five new programs in 2005. The funding cycle is limited to no more than three years. At the end of each year, programs are evaluated for continued support based upon service outcomes.

First Year:	Up to \$50,000
Second Year:	Up to \$35,000
Third Year:	Up to \$20,000

Programs considered for funding by WCPCAN must have matching funds from other sources. This may include other government and foundation grants, private contributions and in-kind donations of space, materials and service.

Matching requirements are:

First Year:	25% of the total budget*
Second Year:	35% of the total budget
Third Year:	50% of the total budget

*Example: Minimum of \$16,667 to qualify for first year full funding amount. WCPCAN is funded in part through a federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant.

Who Should Apply

WCPCAN provides funding for community-based programs throughout Washington. Funding is available to any private, non-profit, government agency or faith-based organization in the state.

How to Apply

Submit a letter of intent* that is limited to a total of two narrative pages, one cover page, and one budget summary page using no less than 11-point font.

Program Information - Include the following information in the cover page:

- Program Name:
- Organization Name:
- Primary Contact Name:
- Name and Title of Head of Organization:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone & Fax:
- E-mail
- Web site:

***The letter of intent template will be available on the WCPCAN website at www.wcpcan.wa.gov after September 15, 2004.**

Program Purpose and Structure

The following sections must be included in your narrative:

- Project description - include methodology and population to be served.
- Relationship of project to child abuse and neglect prevention. Indicate theory or research supporting program design and provide citations for references.
- Identify primary family support goal.
- Indicate projected first-year outputs. Include number of parents and children to be served.
- Description of your organization. Include agency's experience in providing child abuse and neglect prevention. Note any history of previous WCPCAN funding.
- Amount of WCPCAN funding requested. Note the amount of local matching funds to be included in your budget.

The letter of intent is due by 4:00 p.m. November 12, 2004.

Late applications will not be considered.

Submit six copies by mail to:

Maria Gehl, Director, Grants and Evaluation
WCPCAN
318 First Avenue S., Suite 310
Seattle, WA 98104

Selection Process & Timeline

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| January 7, 2005 | – Ten finalists selected to complete a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) application. |
| March 10, 2005 | – RFP Application due date. |
| May 31, 2005 | – Grant awards announced. |

Our mission is to provide leadership to and a statewide focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect and to encourage and support effective community prevention efforts.



"The encouragement and technical assistance provided by WCPCAN enabled us to design strategies that had families directly involved in their own progress - together that makes a powerful program. Agencies like WCPCAN provide invaluable technical assistance and support. It's what we really need state leadership for."

*Vicki Hubner;
Director
Nooksack Center for
Children and Families
National Community of
Excellence Award Winner*

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